

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1126

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A RESOLUTION memorializing the United States Congress to clarify the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution regarding citizenship status for children of illegal aliens.

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution states in part: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside"; and

WHEREAS, this clause clearly establishes two (2) criteria that must be met before a child born in the United States can be considered a citizen: being born in the United States and being subject to the jurisdiction of the United States; and

WHEREAS, illegal aliens are not subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and consequently, neither are their children; and

WHEREAS, to eliminate the present problem of granting citizenship to infants who, due to their parents' illegal status, are not subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, Congress needs to clarify that children of illegal aliens inherit the status of their parents and must be recognized as illegal aliens; and

WHEREAS, the current practice of granting citizenship to children of illegal aliens rewards illegal aliens for violating American law and provides them with a means to avoid the consequences of their unethical and illegal activities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States to enact legislation clarifying the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution as denying citizenship status to children of illegal aliens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that enrolled copies of this resolution be sent to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, and to each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.